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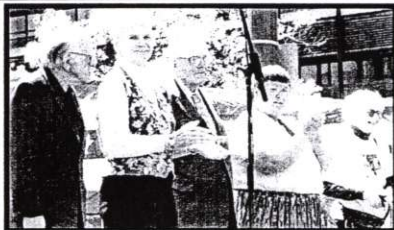
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Forty years ago these gay activists (above) and others, staged the first gay rights demonstration in the United States, at Independence Hall, where the Equality ceremony honoring pioneers in the GLBT rights movement was held on May 1, 2005.



Those honored and present at the ceremony included: (left to right) former US Ambassador James Hormel, Col. Margerthe Cammermeyer, Bishop Gene Robinson, Comedian Kate Clinton who MCed some stage events, and US Congressman Barney Frank.

Photos by Liz Bradbury

**EQUALITY FORUM HONORS GAY PIONEERS  
READ A RECAP OF THE PHILADELPHIA CELEBRATION IN TRISH'S  
COLUMN ON PAGE 7.**

## GAY MEN'S CHORUS TO MARK ANNIVERSARY, JUNE 4

The Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus will celebrate its 10th year on June 4, with a 10th Anniversary Concert and Reception at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem, beginning at 8 PM with a concert featuring Artistic Director Adam P. Koch, past artistic directors, the world premiere of "Aspects of Growth" composed by LVGMC co-founder Dr. Robert Roush, and a few additional surprises. Joining the LVGMC will be the Harrisburg Men's Chorus and Lehigh Valley's own Brian Marks. The evening will conclude with a gala catered reception. Tickets are \$15 (\$8 for students and Sr. Citizens) and include concert admission and reception. Reserve tickets by calling 610-366-3320. Tickets also available at the door. Visa/MC are accepted. See [www.lvgmc.org](http://www.lvgmc.org) for information.

## MCCLV SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

To feature Blayne Bell on June 18, Gospel Group I.C.E. on July 16 and Ray Vester, August 27. See more information on page 8.

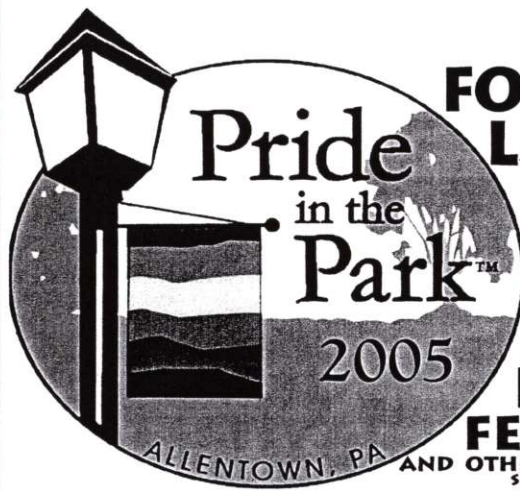
## SUNDANCE WINNER AT 19TH STREET

There is still time to catch the world theater premier of the excellent film *Loggerheads* at the 19th Street Theater, (ends June 5). *Loggerheads*, directed by Tim Kirkland and co-produced by Zeke Zelker of the Lehigh Valley, tells the three intertwining stories of a biological mother, an adoptive mother and a young gay man. The extraordinary cast includes: Tess Harper (*Crimes of the Heart*, *Tender Mercies*), Bonnie Hunt (*The Bonnie Hunt Show*, *Cheaper By The Dozen*), Chris Sarandon (*Dog Day Afternoon*, *Princess Bride*), Michael Learned (*The Waltons*) along with Kip Pardue (*Remember the Titans*, *Driven*) and Michael Kelly (*Dawn of the Dead*, *Unbreakable*). VGP gives this movie four stars. Don't miss it!

## STEVE BLACK WINS NOMINATION FOR PEN ARGYL TAX COLLECTOR

PA-GALA endorsed 29 candidates in the Primary Election. 21 of those candidates won, 8 lost, 72.4% victory rate. Read more about the election on pages 3 & 7.

**GLBT Infoline**  
*Greater Lehigh Valley*  
**610-HELP-123**  
(610-435-7123)  
**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY  
6PM - 9PM**



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Pride House at Muhlenberg College, Allentown

19th Street Theater -- 527 N. 19th St. Allentown

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley (UUCLV)

424 Center St., Bethlehem

Haven GLBTA Youth Group at UUCLV

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## RAGS TO RICHES TAKE THE FIRST STEP by Denise McKelvey

Due to a computer problem, Denise McKelvey wasn't able to get VGP her column for this issue, but look for Denise's next column in the June 19, Pride issue.

## LOCAL TRAVEL AGENCY TO BENEFIT GLBT GROUPS

VIP Vacations Inc. will make a contribution to a local GLBT (501c3) organization when local GLBTA people use their services. Just mention the group you want to support (PA Diversity Network, GLV Pride, Valley Gay Press, Haven, MCC, LV Gay Men's Chorus, Infoline, Interweave, etc.) when booking your vacation and VIP Vacations will arrange a donation. VIP Vacations is a full-service travel agency specializing in a variety of areas including GLBT travel. Travel Agent Lailani Augustine of VIP Vacations is specializing in GLBT friendly cruises and trips to popular destinations such as Fort Lauderdale, Puerto Vallarta and Costa Rica. VIP Vacations is also a member of the International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA), the country's premier gay travel organization, and Travel Alternatives Group (TAG). For further information contact: Lailani Augustine, 610-704-0397; 888-284-7722 email: lailani@vacationsbyvip.com web site: www.vacationsbyvip.com

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Dear WTA, I keep seeing TV ads for eharmony.com, the online dating service with that smiling guy who says he can find you romance? Is it a pro-GLBT company and should I seek a date there? Signed, Looking for Love,  
Dear LFL, eHarmony founder Neil "kind of creepy" Warren will be happy to find you a date, as long as you're not gay. Neil Warren has written ten books, three of them were published by James Dobson's ultra anti-gay organization Focus on the Family. If that's not bad enough, Neil says that same-sex marriage is illegal in most states and... "We don't really want to participate in something that's illegal." Skip eharmony and find yourself a nice gay-friendly site. LB

## PA DIVERSITY NETWORK PROGRAM UPDATE

PDN has updated its list of training programs on the web site: www.padiversity.org. Check it out and tell your business, church, school association or community service organization to contact PDN to provide these training programs and increase their GLBT awareness quotient.

Recent presentations by PDN board members include, "Same Sex Marriage" for St. Johns Lutheran Sunday School in Quakertown and "Legal Papers You Need To Protect Your GLBT Family" at the Interweave Conference in Bethlehem, both presented by Liz Bradbury and Patricia Sullivan, and a general presentation about the mission of PDN and its various training seminars to Reading PFLAG presented by Liz Bradbury, John Early and Melinda Kohn.

PDN's GLBT Infoline seeks additional GLBT phone volunteers. Volunteers receive training and are able to forward the Infoline number to their own phone during their shift. Interested volunteers should be willing to talk briefly to callers about GLBT resources available in the community and on the resource list. Volunteers are encouraged to participate on a regular basis, but the amount of time may vary with availability.

PDN thanks everyone who went to the web site to recommend your service providers. If you haven't done so already, go to the web site resources list and add your doctor, lawyer, therapist or other GLBT friendly service.

Finally, for those GLBT folks in the Central Susquehanna region, PDN Committee Member Robert Roush is developing an outreach PDN program for your area. To volunteer or get involved in Central Susquehanna contact Robert Roush at info@padiversity.org.

## GLBT CHRISTIAN SINGLES WORKSHOP

Are you Gay? Christian? Single? Please join in a GLBT Singles Workshop led by MCCLV Pastor Beth Goudy, Friday, June 24, 7 p.m. at the church. The evening will start in the church's fellowship hall with pizza, soda and something delightfully sugary for dessert, then moves to the sanctuary for a Christian perspective on GLBT dating. The workshop will include the following topics: "The Joys of Singleness," "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God," "7 Major Barriers to Being & Having a Lifetime Partner" and some basic style tips from a formerly fashion-backward pastor. Free and open to the public. To register, e-mail info@mcclv.org or phone 610-709-8800.

CHECK OUT PA DIVERSITY'S WEBSITE AT WWW.PADIVERSITY.ORG



# HOT NEWS

## HAVEN YOUTH GROUP

HAVEN MEETINGS : every Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem. Meetings are open to GLBTAQ youth ages 14 - 20. For information: havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com or 610-868-2153. HAVEN needs facilitators & volunteers for meetings and the Prizm Prom. Facilitator training provided.

## PFLAG TIMES

PFLAG - Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, [www.eastern-pa-pflag.org](http://www.eastern-pa-pflag.org). e-mail: [info@eastern-pa-pflag.org](mailto:info@eastern-pa-pflag.org). Meeting locations: LV - 1st Tues., 1st Pres. Church, Allentown. 610-967-5219. Reading - 3rd Tues., Unitarian Universalist Church, Reading. 610-967-5219. Monroe - 1st Wed., Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg. 570-620-1234. Meeting Dates: Allentown: June 7, July 5, No meeting in August. Monroe: June 1, July 6, August 3. Reading: No summer meetings.

## STEVIE Z

"The incredible, shrinking Stevie Z will be appearing at the MooseLounge at the Allentown Stonewall on Friday June 10th and Saturday June 25th. He plays from 9PM-Midnight. 1/2 of tips collected will be shared with PA-GALA, so be sure to be there and have a nice time at the grand piano. See new dates at Stevie's web page: <http://steviezpa.tripod.com/> - July dates: Fridays July 1st and 29th 9PM-Midnight, 1/2 tips to PA-GALA

## FACT SALE

VENDERS WANTED for FACT EVENT. "FORGOTTEN TREASURES" (YARD/GARAGE SALE) at Pennsylvania Expo Center in South Whitehall. Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26. Large Size Booth at Reasonable rates. Easy Access. Air Conditioned. Plenty of Free Parking. (Perfect for Non-Profit & Neighborhood Groups). For additional information: 610-820-5519 or 610-360-6523 or 610-417-4384

## FACT SUMMER GAMES

The FACT Summer Games will be held September 11, 2005 at Rainbow Mountain Resort, East Stroudsburg, PA. Twenty years of services helping the AIDS community.

## GLOSS EVENTS

The Gay & Lesbian Organized Sports Society (GLOSS) has kicked off its summer season. Volleyball is now offered twice weekly (Tuesdays & Thursdays) at 6:30pm. Tennis is offered on Sunday afternoons / evenings. Racquetball is offered twice weekly (Tuesdays & Saturdays). These events are open to the GLBT community regardless of skill level. Interested in dodgeball? A group may be starting up. Contact [fabio@early.com](mailto:fabio@early.com). New members are always welcome.

GLOSS is also having a camping trip to The Woods Campground the weekend of August 19.

GLOSS is always looking for people willing to be activity leaders. If your favorite activity is not listed, GLOSS will help you organize an event or outing by promoting it in the newsletter and website. You may contact GLOSS on the web: [www.gloss.org](http://www.gloss.org), email: [info@gloss.org](mailto:info@gloss.org) or phone: 610-434-2966.

## GAY MEN'S CHORUS NEWS

The Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus welcomes Terry Karanen to the board of directors as its new treasurer. Visit the chorus web site at [www.lvgmc.org](http://www.lvgmc.org) to learn how to become involved as a singing or non-singing member.

## PA-GALA SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

If you want a reason to go to fun GLBT events coupled with an any easy way to meet new people, then get involved in PA-GALA's efforts to get out the vote & register voters. Come to the next PA-GALA meeting at 7pm on Thursday, June 2 at MCCLV. PA-GALA has regular 7pm meetings at MCCLV on the first Thursday of every month. (For directions, see [www.mcclv.org](http://www.mcclv.org) or call 610-709-8800.) If you can't make it to the meeting, but would still like to volunteer, please email Allyson Diane Hamm, LV Coordinator at [allysondiane@hotmail.com](mailto:allysondiane@hotmail.com) or call PA-GALA at 610-863-0227.

## PRIDE BENEFIT @ STONEWALL

Wear blue to Dorney Park On Thursday, June 16, 5pm - 10pm then hit a PUMP night at The Stonewall. A special show is planned with the queens of Pride. Join, Tequila Daniels (2005), Sylvia Silverberg (2004), Jazman Starr (2003) & Kitty Mame Dietrich (2002) for a benefit evening of Pride Royalty talent.

## PA-GALA: PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Lehigh County Executive Jane Ervin - R - won  
Lehigh County Commissioner - District 2 Percy Dougherty - R - won  
Lehigh County Commissioner - District 3 Kurt Derr - D - won (unopposed), Robert E. Smith Jr - R - won  
Lehigh County Commissioner - District 4 Daniel McCarthy - D - won (unopposed)  
Lehigh County Commissioner - District 5 Patricia Smith - D - won (unopposed)  
Allentown Mayor - Siobhan "Sam" Bennett - D - lost, Edward Pawlowski - D - won  
Allentown City Council - David Howells - D - won, Julio Guridy - D - won, Ernie Atiyeh - D - lost, Michael D'Amore - D - won, Tom Burke - R - won (unopposed)  
Allentown School Director - Andrew J. Weiss - D/R - won (unopposed), Erlinda M. Agron - D - won (unopposed)  
Salisbury Township Tax Collector - Linda Minger - D - won (unopposed)  
South Whitehall Township Treasurer - JoAnne Wilchek-Basist - R - lost  
Northampton County Executive - John Stoffa - D - won (in a stunning upset of incumbent Glenn Reibman)  
Northampton County Council - At Large - Charles M. Dertinger - D - won (unopposed)  
Bethlehem Mayor - Anthony Rybak - D - lost  
Bethlehem City Council - Michelle Lawson - D - lost, William M. Fitzpatrick - D - lost, David Sanders - D - lost, Karen Dolan - D - won  
Easton City Council - Tony E. Bassil - R - won (unopposed)  
Easton Area School Director - Pat Vulcano - D/R - won (unopposed)  
Saucun Valley Area School Director - Joel Katz - D/R - lost both D & R, Sandra Miller - D/R - won D - lost R  
Pen Argyl Borough Tax Collector - Steve Black - D - won (unopposed)

## GLOSS @ THE FESTIVAL

GLOSS is an official sponsor of the GLV Pride in the Park Festival. GLOSS will be providing volleyball sessions throughout the day. You're welcome to come and play or watch.

## ANNOUNCING THE TEMPLE IN THE WOODS!!

Rt. Rev. Tom Cormier of Temple Sophia, Coaldale, PA. will be leading an Interfaith Worship Service on Sundays, starting May, 29, 2005 at "The Woods Campground" in Lehigh, PA. When at the Woods, come experience a service that will enliven your spirit and feed your soul. Info: 570-657-6447 [templestophia@yahoo.com](mailto:templestophia@yahoo.com)



# CALENDAR<sup>4</sup>

**Am Haskalah**, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Services at Allentown JCC at 22nd and Tilghman Streets, <http://www.jrf.org/amhaskpa>, 610-435-3775  
**ACCO-A Chorus Celebrating Women**, AIDS Outreach-112 N. 5th St. Allentown, PA 610-435-8424

**AIDSWALK**- see **FACT**  
**ASC-AIDS Service Center** 610.974.8701  
**All Together Now** - Supportive Ecumenical Christians, 610-398-1286, [bluemountain@entermail.net](mailto:bluemountain@entermail.net)

**BMA**- Bucks/Montgomery Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Concerns 215-529-0360

**CIVIC and 19th St. Theater**, 527 N 19th St, 610-432-8943, <[civictheater.com](mailto:civictheater.com)>

**CUUPS** -- Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans every 4th Sunday at noon at the UUCLV, [uucv\\_cuups@yahoo.com](mailto:uucv_cuups@yahoo.com).

**Enigma Players** - [qacres@prolog.net](mailto:qacres@prolog.net)  
**equal@agere** - email: [equal@agere.com](mailto:equal@agere.com)

**FACT**- Fighting AIDS Continuously Together 610.820.5519

**Gaydar Magazine**

**GLEE** at Air Products

**GLISN**- at Dun & Bradstreet, <[vagrathollow.com/GLISN/](mailto:vagrathollow.com/GLISN/)>

**GLORA**- Gay and Lesbian Organization of Reading and Allentown (Social gathering various dates) Newsletter-The Tassle. Write to: GLORA, PO Box 541, Bethlehem, PA 18016-0541, email: [GLORA2004@aol.com](mailto:GLORA2004@aol.com)

**GLOSS** - Gay and Lesbian Organized Sports Society, [www.gloss.org](http://www.gloss.org) Info@[gloss.org](mailto:gloss.org) 610-434-2966.

**GLOW**-at PPL

**HAVEN** GLBT Youth Group of the UUCLV - call: 610-868-2153, email: [havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com)

**HMFF**-Hope Ministry Family Fellowship, Sundays, 11 am, Open Space Gallery, 931 Hamilton St. 610-791-0716

**Integrity**- Lesbian & Gay Episcopalians Family & Friends meets quarterly. 610-758-8642 [gamba.guy@verizon.net](mailto:gamba.guy@verizon.net)

**Infoline** - Greater LV GLBT Infoline: 610-HELP123 (435-7123) M-F 6pm -9pm Office: 610-432-5449 [info@padiversity.org](mailto:info@padiversity.org)

**INTERWEAVE** -- GLBTAI group at the UUCLV. 3rd Sundays.. Interweave\_UUCLV@yahoo groups.com. [www.uucvpa.org](http://www.uucvpa.org) 610-866-7652.

**LVGMC** -Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus, email: [info@lvmgc.org](mailto:info@lvmgc.org), <[www.lvmgc.org](http://www.lvmgc.org)> 610-366-3320, rehearsals: Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem

**Lehigh Valley Transsexual Coalition**- 610-610-997-0976, [humanrights4all@aol.com](mailto:humanrights4all@aol.com), 610-814-0530 [JamesHalleman@aol.com](mailto:JamesHalleman@aol.com)

**MCC** - Metropolitan Community Church, Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S. 12th Street, Allentown Services: 10:30am & 6pm, [mcclehighvalley@yahoo.com](mailto:mcclehighvalley@yahoo.com), <http://www.mccclv.org> 610-709-8800

**NCC**- Northampton Community College GLB Student Union, 610.861.5541(#1386) or 882-2531

**19th St & Civic Theatre** - 610.432.8943

**Out There**- Students at CedarCrest College

**PA-Diversity Network**- 610-432-5449 [www.padiversity.org](http://www.padiversity.org) PO Box 22902 Lehigh Valley, PA 18002

**PA-GALA** - PA Gay And Lesbian Alliance for Political Action, (Candidate Guide, & Political Lobbying) P.O.Box 20825 Lehigh Valley 18002 610-863-0227 [pagala.org](mailto:pagala.org)

**PARENTS**- GLBT parent's group: 610-262-2519

**PFLAG** - LV Parents Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 1st Tues. 1st Pres. Church Allentown 610.967.5219 <http://www.eastern-pa-pflag.org/>

## JUNE 2005 PRIDE MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 M PFLAG HAVEN LOGGERHEADS →	2 PA-GALA	3 MCC Games TO Yardsale	4 LVGMC Concert GLOSS WDIY GLASS
5 PRIDE Pageant WDIY UUCV HMFF GLOSS	6 LVGMC RAA	7 GLOSS LV PFLAG	8 HAVEN	9 GLOSS RAA	10 Stevie Z	11 PRIDE Pageant
12 HMFF WDIY MCC GLOSS	13 LVGMC RAA	14 GLOSS	15 HAVEN	16 RAA GLOSS PRIDE Benefit	17 MCC Games	18 GLOSS WDIY MCC Concert
19 PRIDE FESTIVAL GLOSS	20 LVGMC	21 GLOSS	22 HAVEN	23 RAA GLOSS	24 MCC Singles	25 GLOSS WDIY FACT BENEFIT Stevie Z
26 RAA GLOSS WDIY CUUPS UUCV FACT HMFF BENEFIT	27 LVGMC Testing Day	28 GLOSS	29 HAVEN	30 RAA GLOSS		

## JULY 2005

**FESTIVAL  
JUNE 19**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 MCC Games Stevie Z	2 GLOSS WDIY
3 MCC UUCV HMFF GLOSS	4 LVGMC RAA	5 GLOSS LV PFLAG	6 HAVEN M PFLAG	7 PA-GALA RAA	8 GLOSS Bowling	9 WDIY GLOSS
10 UUCV GLOSS MCC HMFF WDIY	11 LVGMC	12 GLOSS	13 HAVEN	14 RAA GLOSS	15 MCC Games	16 WDIY GLOSS MCC Concert
17 GLOSS Interweave MCC UUCV WDIY	18 RAA LVGMC	19 GLOSS PFLAG R	20 HAVEN	21 GLOSS RAA	22	23 WDIY GLOSS
24 HMFF UUCV WDIY MCC 31	25 LVGMC RAA	26 GLOSS	27 HAVEN	28 RAA GLOSS	29 Stevie Z	30 WDIY GLOSS

## AUGUST 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 RAA LVGMC	2 GLOSS LV PFLAG	3 M PFLAG HAVEN	4 GLOSS PA-GALA	5 MCC Games	6 WDIY GLOSS
7 MCC WDIY UUCV HMFF GLOSS	8 LVGMC RAA	9 GLOSS	10 HAVEN	11 GLOSS RAA	12 Stevie Z	13 WDIY GLOSS Gay Day Knoebels
14 GLOSS MCC WDIY HMFF UUCV	15 RAA LVGMC	16 GLOSS PFLAG R	17 HAVEN	18 RAA GLOSS	19 MCC Games GLOSS Camping	20 WDIY GLOSS
21 Interweave GLOSS WDIY UUCV HMFF	22 RAA LVGMC	23 GLOSS	24 HAVEN	25 GLOSS RAA	26	27 GLOSS WDIY Stevie Z MCC Concert
28 HMFF UUCV CUUPS MCC WDIY	29 LVGMC RAA	30 GLOSS	31 HAVEN			



**Pride** - Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley, (Pride Festival) 610.770.6200, email: <info@prideglv.org>, <www.prideglv.org>  
**QuEST** - Student group at Lafayette College  
**Quakers** - Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting - Route 512 1/2 mi. North of Rte 22 Bethlehem, PA. Worship at 9:30 am. (610)691-3411.  
**RAA** - Rainbow AA meetings, Mon. & Thurs. At 16th and Turner.  
**Ren** - Renaissance Transgendered Assoc., Meets at MCCLV renlv.org  
**Rainbow Space** - Muhlenberg College Organization 610.821.3244  
**Reading P-FLAG** - 610-967-5219  
**Safe Space** - At Lehigh U. 610.758.5973  
**Saint John's Lutheran Church** - A welcoming, gay affirming church, 32 S. 5th st. Allentown 610.435.1587  
**Temple Sophia**, Interfaith Sanctuary 117 E Ridge St., Coaldale 18218 570-657-6447 Pastor: Rt. Rev. Tom Cormier  
**T.O.** - Theatre Outlet, Allentown, 610-820-9270.  
**Unity** - 26 N. 3rd St. Emmaus, 767-4417  
**UUCLV** - Unitarian Universalist Church LV, 424 Center St., Bethlehem, 18018 610.866.7652.  
**VGP** - Valley Gay Press, 610.432.5449, IVGP@padiversity.org VGP PO Box 22902 Lehigh Valley PA 18002 www.padiversity.org  
**Wachovia-GALEA** - Gay And Lesbian Employee Association. Contact GALEA@Wachovia.com  
**WDIY** - WDIY - 88.1 fm 93.9 fm Sat. 6:00 pm This Way Out, Assorted Women 6:30 pm. 610-694-8100.88.

#### SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

**GLBT YOUTH GROUP**  
**HAVEN - WEDNESDAYS**  
**LV PFLAG - 1ST TUESDAYS**  
**MONROE PFLAG - 1ST WEDS**  
**READING - PFLAG**  
**NO SUMMER MEETINGS**  
**GLOSS VOLLEYBALL - TUES/THURS**  
**GLOSS TENNIS - SUNDAYS**  
**GLOSS RACQUETBALL - TUES & SATS**  
**GLOSS BOWLING -**  
**ENDS DURING SUMMER**  
**LVGMC REHEARSALS - MONDAYS**  
**MCC GAME NIGHTS - 1ST & 3RD SATS**  
**INTERWEAVE - 3RD SUNDAYS**  
**PA-GALA - 1ST THURSDAYS**

**JUNE 1 - MONROE PFLAG**  
**JUNE 1-5 LOGGERHEADS**  
**@ 19TH ST**  
**JUNE 3-4 - TO YARDSALE**  
**JUNE 4 - LVGMC CONCERT**  
**JUNE 5 -**  
**PRIDE KING/QUEEN PAGEANT**  
**JUNE 7 - LV PFLAG**  
**JUNE 10 - STEVEZ**  
**JUNE 11 - PRIDE**  
**MR./MRS. PAGEANT**  
**JUNE 16 - PRIDE BENEFIT**  
**JUNE 18 - MCC CONCERT**  
**JUNE 19 - PRIDE IN THE PARK**  
**FESTIVAL & PARADE**  
**JUNE 19 - GLOSS**  
**VOLLEYBALL DEMOS**  
**JUNE 24 - MCC SINGLES WKSPH**  
**JUNE 25/26 - FACT BENEFIT**  
**JUNE 25 - STEVEZ**  
**JUNE 27 -**  
**NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY**  
**JULY 1 - STEVEZ**  
**JULY 5 - LV PFLAG**  
**JULY 6 - MONROE PFLAG**  
**JULY 16 - MCC CONCERT**  
**JULY 29 - STEVEZ**  
**AUG 3 - MONROE PFLAG**  
**AUG 13 - GAYDAY @ KNOBELS**  
**AUG 19 - GLOSS CAMPING**  
**AUG 27 - MCC CONCERT**  
**SEPT 11 - FACT SUMMER GAMES**

**INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**  
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**LIZTRISH@AOL.COM**

## PRIDE GLV

### FESTIVAL, GRAND MARSHALLS & ENTERTAINMENT

**THE SPIRIT OF PRIDE...** Do you have it? Come cheer your way to a brighter future for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex community at Pride in the Park 2005, Sunday, June 19th. Festival includes Pride Art Gallery & Auction, Pride Pub, Bingo, Interfaith Service by MCC-LV and All-Together-Now, Dignitaries, Kidspace w/Caren Leonard, Storybook Characters and much more. Bring your friends and family!

#### PRIDE IN THE PARK

**Sunday, June 19, 2005 -- Noon - 7:00pm Opening Ceremonies at 1:00pm**

**Cedar Beach Park, Allentown www.prideglv.org**

**GRAND MARSHALLS / KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Roberta and Rev. Harold Kreider are passionate advocates for justice for all people who are marginalized by the church and society. Harold is a retired Mennonite pastor and Roberta had a gay brother who died of AIDS in 1984, and since 1998 she has published three books of faith stories from the GLBTIA community. PrideGLV honors the Kreiders for their community activism and support of queer people of faith.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Pride does its best to provide a diverse lineup of music genres in addition to covering the GLBTIA spectrum. Here is the 2005 lineup with times to be announced in June. **Host, Mr. Murray Hill**, the hardest working middle-aged man in show business, <http://www.mrmurrayhill.com>. **Zen for Primates**, eclectic LV favorite, <http://www.bummertent.com/Featured.htm> **Alix Dobkin**, legendary lesbian activist & folk artist, [http://www.ladyslipper.org/alix\\_dobkin](http://www.ladyslipper.org/alix_dobkin). **Amber**, diva and dance music sensation, PITP's headliner, <http://www.amber-mcc.com>. **Namoli Brennet**, gender-variant indie-pop, <http://www.namolibrennet.com>. **Ricardo Alvarado**, latin songwriter and dancer, <http://www.ricardoalvarado.com>.

## RANTS & RAVES BY STEPHEN T. LIBBY

A new girlfriend asked me to go to Europe with her as her girlfriend was not able to take vac and I am apparently the next best thing to a lesbian. (I am available for hire if you'd like to take me on YOUR next vacation. I travel well and don't take up much space. I shut-up when asked and contrary to popular rumor I no longer wet my pants. I'm not certain who started that one, but it's not funny.) Thanks Kim for this wonderful opportunity.

Anyway, back to Brussels. I wish! What a freakin' blast. Two days in Brussels, 1 in Brugge, 1 in Luxembourg, 1 1/2 in Paris and back to Brussels to wrap it up. It felt like we were on an abbreviated version of The Amazing Race. And we won! I chose this trip for my VGP article to illustrate the differences (some major, some minor, some hotter) I saw in the culture while there vs. here. Both gay and just in general.

Tip: When traveling in Europe, beware the lesbian traveling companion who will pinch ANY part of your body when excited. Said pinching will occur without notice or forewarning. Even the squeal follows the pinch. She will not be remorseful. But, rather look like she just received a coupon for Builder's Square. We have many monumental phallic symbols in the USA. I believe the source of Kim's excitement came from seeing all the arches abroad. We walked through some, rode through some and in others we stopped to rub the inside of the wall (her idea). To be fair, Kim had been away from her girlfriend x 5 days.

Observation: Most Europeans dress nicely. All the time. For walking their dog. Walking to the pharmacy. Even the homeless are wearing Armani or Prada. We also noticed that most Europeans are thin. A healthy thin. Like they don't overdo. Perhaps they only eat until they are full! Sounds scary but I am going to try it. This weird diet allows them to look good in certain clothes, like belly shirts. You know, the midriff exposing garment that shows (mercifully) only a thin strip of skin between the shirt and the top of the wearer's pants. (WARNING: if said pants are low rise jeans, more skin may be exposed.) Don't get me wrong. On the right figure this looks really great. It looked great on most wearing the combo, while we were abroad. They were even a little loose. Good luck finding that in the US. Here, EVERYONE thinks they look good in a belly shirt. This has moved me to call for a moratorium on belly shirts, low rise jeans, and spandex (I still see it, people) until we can wear them responsibly. Sweat pants are banned forever. Republican Presidents are banned forever also. Europeans hate George Bush more than gays hate him.

Of course, the architecture is breathtaking. There were arches, statues, columns, busts and paintings representing the holy and unholy, Gods, Goddesses, love and war. The only buildings that blow are those that have the concrete western influence. The contrast really is sad. The dollar is sucking right now compared to the Euro (thanks Dick Bush). (I know his name is George, but I like to call him Dick. We're on a first name basis.) We were told by the hot gay boys in Belgium that marriage is now legal there. England is passing a commitment bill by year's end. I heard while on vac that there is a call to reinstate the sodomy laws here in the USA. Are we the most backwards country on the face of the planet? No? Maybe just the most homophobic? Okay then, we agree.

Anyway, the experience was excellent! Relaxing, fun, adventurous. It just made me realize we have lots to do in this screwed up nation of ours. From my very limited exposure, I don't necessarily think Europeans are better than Americans, I just think they try harder.





Scott was late with his column this month. So here's a special column by local activist Miriam Lavandier. Scott will be back for the Pride Issue with a new hot column. Sstay tuned.

## DREAM COME TRUE BY MIRIAM LAVANDIER

I've always dreamed of going on an Olivia Cruise. A cruise ship with hundreds of lesbians out in the ocean, Whoeee! Well, last March my friend Ann won a 2 for 1 opportunity to go on an Olivia Cruise to the Bahamas. She asked me to split it with her. After all these years of being a broke single mom of two... how could I say no!!!

So I ran around last minute, getting the paperwork together, I could write a column just about that, but I'll skip ahead and get to the good part. First though, before the sun comes the storm. Our flight to Ft Lauderdale by way of LVIA and then Philly Airport in early April, was postponed due to extreme amounts of thunder and rain (remember?). They put us on a later flight, then they called again putting us on a later flight, then all flights that night were cancelled. Time to panic! We were going to miss the boat, literally! We finally just drove to Philly at 4am to catch our original connecting 6am flight. Whew!

On Sunday we arrived in Florida at the ship, thinking we were early, but everyone else had the same idea. There was an enormous line of lovely ladies in shorts and summer wear and here we were in our heavy jackets. The woman in front of us asked if we had just come in from "up north." After a few hours of line-dancing (not!), we were offered a drink of either orange juice, water or Caribbean rum. Hmm, a preview of what was to come?

We were asked if we were single, because singles (called Solos) are given an Olivia dogtag to wear, so we'll know who is who is available. "Give me ten," I say. I was informed that there were 1,800 women on the ship and 500 of them were Solos (!). My friend Ann and I couldn't even fathom that many women in one place.

The first thing: put on our lifesaving jackets. They were big, bulky, and orange. Picture 1,800 lesbians on the deck of a ship all at once, wearing bright orange lifejackets. A fresh outlook on citrus or Anita Bryant's worse nightmare...you decide.

There were women in their 20s all the way up to 80s. Olivia staff snapped pictures. By the way, for those of you that think L Word shaped lesbians aren't real, I have news for you. My chubby self was way in the minority and not only because I am Latina. Wow!

Anyway, that first night the entertainment was Melissa Etheridge, who did an awesome performance and looked totally cute with her extremely short hair just growing in from chemo. (She's recovering from breast cancer.) Catch fotos at [www.bstrongspeaktr.com](http://www.bstrongspeaktr.com). Then she left the ship and we left the shore. Other entertainment included comedians: Suzanne Westenhoeffer, Amy Boyd and Vicki Shaw. Olivia also brings on new singers beginning their careers. My two favorites were Ellis ([www.ellis-music.com](http://www.ellis-music.com)) and Nedra ([www.nedrajohnson.com](http://www.nedrajohnson.com)). They also have an Olivia Idol game talent search on every cruise. There were a multiplicity of performance stages, bars, lounges and restaurants throughout the ship. Three swimming pools, (two outdoors, one indoors) with Jacuzzis galore and even a basketball court. Contests, games and my favorite... two parties every evening. Those of you who know me, know I danced every night. Let's not talk about food because there was sooooo much of it (food is included). Walking around the ship gives you ample opportunities for exercise, but yes, you will gain weight.

There was an exciting Women's Leadership Summit with such well known speakers as Billie Jean King, Carole Mosely Braun and Chrissy Gephardt. They all presented a strong call to action

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PLANET

Parenthood

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## WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BABY

"What a beautiful baby!" It's true, our son Lucas is quite handsome. Sometimes his admirers comment that he looks just like one of us. We're usually so flattered by the indirect compliment that all we can manage to say is, "Thank you." Who wouldn't want to be responsible for such good looks? However, although we have the responsibility of caring for him, loving him and raising him, we're not responsible for his good genes. He's adopted, as you probably already know from previous columns.

Lucas is a mixed race child. We adopted him through an agency called Adoptions from the Heart, which not only supports adoptions by same-sex parents but also promotes adoption of mixed race children. There are many babies like Lucas in need of parents. Though thousands of families seek to adopt children, the chances for adoption of non-white children is low. For all of the mixed race and African American babies being born, there were only 24 couples or single parents who were part of the "mixed race adoption program," working with the agency that helped us adopt Lucas. Quite a few of those potential parents were same-sex couples.

We had an intense desire to share our life with a baby. There was ample room for Lucas in our family. We have room for love, for nurturing and for joy. But we have no room for prejudice. How could there be? We've had enough of that.

## STONEWALL SPONSORS AMBER

The Stonewall, Moose Lounge Bar & Grille is proud to announce it is the official sponsor of headliner "AMBER" at Pride in the Park 2005.

## PRIDE PAGEANT

Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley 2005 Pride Pageants. This year the royal court will include the all new Mr. & Ms. Pride as well as the Queen and King titles. The 2005 Queen & King Pageant will be held on Sunday, June 5 from 8 - 10pm at the Stonewall. There is a \$5 cover to benefit Pride and the pageant is open to guests age 18+. The 2005 Mr. & Ms. Pageant will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 8 - 10pm at Diamond Nightclub. There is a \$5 cover to benefit Pride and the pageant is open to guests age 21+.

to help move our community forward. Very inspiring! Martina Navratilova was at the pre-cruise party that we missed by not arriving the night before.

The ship made stops in the Eastern Caribbean, Grand Turk and Coicos, St. Thomas. The last stop and best of all was Half Moon Cay, which is an island owned by the Holland America cruise ship company. The beach there is totally beautiful, reminiscent of my childhood Dominican beaches.

I remain totally happy with my Olivia experience. By the way, Olivia is not paying me to write this piece. But if any of you Olivia people are reading this, please feel free to offer me a cruise to Club O at Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic in exchange for writing about it. Will I still be single? Only time will tell. These cruises are fun for couples as well.





## LIZ OUT LOUD 7

By Liz Bradbury

### MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK: THE ELECTION

I'm not on the board of PA-GALA any more, but I always have an opinion about everything, so let's talk about the Primary election.

PA-GALA endorsed Ed Pawlowski won the Democratic nomination for Mayor of Allentown. I strongly feel that Ed has a sincere commitment to GLBT equality and an excellent knowledge of the way Allentown City government works. Both Siobahn "Sam" Bennett and Louie Belletieri also confirmed their support of GLBT rights in interviews and their PA-GALA questionnaires. I just wish that in the last three years, any of these three had taken a few minutes to make a public statement in favor of the Allentown Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

Making a strong statement in favor of the ordinance does happen to be something winner of the Republican nomination for Lehigh County Executive Jane Ervin, has done in the past. Ervin lent her name to fight the petition to repeal the ordinance in 2002 and also called Harrisburg to express support of the Hate Crimes Bill. Ervin has frequently spoken at the Pride festival, even when it was not an election year.

Meanwhile the Democratic winner, former Mayor of Bethlehem Don Cunningham, has never said a public word in favor of GLBT rights, not even when Fred "God Hates Fags" Phelps was in town. Though Cunningham has signed proclamations for Pride Day (which I wrote in 1998), he has never come to a GLBT event. If Cunningham wants GLBT votes in this Lehigh County election, the least he can do is lobby his friend Mayor John Callahan and Bethlehem City Council to introduce and pass an anti-discrimination ordinance that would ensure non-bias in Bethlehem in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation and gender identity. If you see Don Cunningham, be sure to ask him. I know I will.

Back to the Allentown Mayor campaigns. On the Republican side, Bill Heydt beat Dave Bausch. Bausch's "I'm a nice guy" campaign fell flat on GLBT voters since Bausch voted against our equal employment and housing rights. Bausch also signed the petition for a referendum to repeal the anti-discrimination law. Not so nice.

As many of us know, Heydt never publicly supported an ordinance for equal rights while he was in office and he allowed his obsessively anti-gay City Solicitor Robert Daday to repeatedly remove anti-bias protections from police, fire and other city workers, even though they were mandated in Allentown's City Charter. Let's hope Bill Heydt makes a public pledge during his campaign, to avoid hiring city officials who display rampant homophobia. Nothing hurts a city's progress more than someone seeking to overturn positive policies.

For Allentown City Council, four top vote getters, Tom Burke (R), David Howells Sr. (D), Julio Guridy (D) and Mike D'Amore (D) all got PA-GALA's endorsement because they all either had solid records of pro-GLBT rights actions or supported those actions strongly in their questionnaires.

In Bethlehem many people seem unhappy about the primary loss of City Councilman Ismael Arcelay (D). All I can say is, why the heck didn't he address GLBT issues? Karen Dolan (D) did, was supportive, got the endorsement and won one of the four slots on the Bethlehem Council ticket.

In the surprising Northampton County Executive race, Glenn Reibman (D) was so sure he'd win the nomination, he didn't do much campaigning. Opponent John Stoffa (D), a four year PA-GALA member, turned in a supportive questionnaire. Most Northampton County GLBT voters voted for him...and he won.

And!!! PA-GALA Political Director Steve Black, (one of Out Magazine's Out 100 in 2002) won the nomination for Pen Argyl Tax Collector in a landslide victory.

Stay tuned for more news on the candidates as we near the November election.

## TRISH'S COLUMN

By Patricia Sullivan



### FIRE WITH FIRE

We see activism in our community in diverse and colorful ways. On May 1, we drove to the Equality Forum in Philadelphia to recognize and honor the work of pioneer activists in the GLBT community (see photos on page 1.).

The Sunday event culminated a week of seminars, workshops, street fairs, dinners and parties across Philadelphia, highlighting the visibility of GLBT people. It recognized the actions of forty individuals whose sacrifices and struggles have been pivotal in the civil rights successes for GLBT people in the United States, beginning with a group who protested the absence of GLBT civil rights in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia on July 4, 1965, to present day activists like Bishop Gene Robinson, U.S. Rep., Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer and civil rights lawyers Kate Kendell and Evan Wolfson.

It was a fun, well attended event marred only briefly by a minister shouting anti-gay rhetoric into a megaphone while a small band of followers with him carried anti-gay placards. The group had hardly begun their protest when another group from Philadelphia area MCCs and other churches surrounded them and continued to encircle them throughout the afternoon. The counter protesters sang upbeat hymns and traditional civil rights songs and some of them carried colorful flags, which I believe represented their various denominations. We were fortunate to be able to sit close to the stage so I had a front row seat, so to speak, to observe the protest during the stage events. It was amazing how the exuberance and joyful antics of the pro-GLBT counter protesters masked the hateful visual message of the minister and his followers and effectively silenced their voices during the ceremony, so that the nearly three hour program honoring the Gay Pioneers was not disrupted.

This counter protest, somewhat like the Matthew Shepard "angels" project, was quite successful. These faith based activists did an exemplary job. They deserve to be recognized for the success of their efforts. After all, while we were enjoying the presentations and having an opportunity to see and hear the 40 pioneers and their representatives honored, these activists were working literally just behind the stage to ensure that the event was not disrupted. It is especially noteworthy that they were able to minimize publicity for the protesters. Surrounding the group limited photo opportunities. Counter protesting with hymns and religious symbols gave the visible effect to the media and most casual observers that this was simply a street performance by a lively rainbow religious group.

A faith based group taking the responsibility to confront another faith based group seemed particularly apt. After all, who better to take on the challenge of debating expressions of faith, than people of faith? While many of us may have particular knowledge about the Bible and religion or are particularly skilled at debate, it will ultimately be people of faith who will successfully challenge other people of faith to genuinely accept GLBT people as equals.

### DONATE YOUR UNWANTED STUFF TO THE THEATRE OUTLET YARD SALE!

On June 3,4,5, The Theatre Outlet will be holding its annual "HUGE 3-DAY FUNDRAISING YARD SALE" to raise money in support of the 2005-2006 season at SilkWerks, as well as for its future home as part of City Centre in downtown Allentown. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support the arts by parting with that not-so-special something! Call Kindall Goble at 610.434.4114 for more information.



# POP QUIZ

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1. What formally naked TV advertising anthropomorphic icon now sports a pair of shorts?  
A. Charlie the Tuna B. The M&M Peanut Guy  
C. Mr. Peanut D. The Kool-Aid Pitcher Guy

2. Batman is to Bruce Wayne as Catwoman is to:  
A. Julie Newmar B. Selena Kyle  
C. Barbara Gordon D. Irenie Adler

3. William Marston created the character of Wonder Woman. He also invented the: A. microwave oven  
B. scuba tank C. lie detector D. magnetic card swiper

4. What openly gay actor plays a regular part on Law and Order: SVU?

5. What Hollywood figure mentioned she had affairs with Marlene Dietrich, Greta Garbo and Katherine Cornell, in her autobiography? A. Mercedes de Acosta B. Barbara Stanwyck C. Edith Head D. Agnes Moorehead

6. Truman Capote's original name was: A. Thomas Allan Caplan B. Truman Streckfus Persons C. Strom Truman Cappel D. Will Truman

7. What gay actor played the same court room role on television from 1957 to 1993?

8. Gay filmmaker Ismail Merchant died last week at the age of 68. Which of these movies did he and his partner, James Ivory, create? A. The Remains of the Day B. Howard's End C. A Room with a View D. Maurice

9. What African-American Hollywood star had at least one public affair with a dancer named Ethel Williams, with whom she flirted from the stage and had notorious lovers' spats? She is also rumored to have had a brief liaison with British novelist Radclyffe Hall. A. Ether Waters B. Hattie McDaniel C. Bessie Smith D. Butterfly McQueen

10. When the Guardian of the Gate asked the Tin Man, Lion, Scarecrow and Toto the Prawn who *they* were, in the Muppet's version of the Wizard of Oz, what did they reply with very obvious emphasis?

1. D. 2. B. 3. C. 4. B. D. Wong 5. A. 6. B. 7. Raymond Burr 8. All of them 9. A. 10. We're Friends of Dorothy

## MCCLV ANNOUNCES SUMMER CONCERTSERIES AT THE CHURCH

JUNE 18 - Blayne Bell, an MCC International Recording Artist, who has just released his new album "OVERCOME," will be performing in concert at MCCLV on June 18 @ 7pm. He is the founder of STANDOUT MUSIC OUTREACH (SMO). JULY 16 - A gospel group from MCCLV's own congregation will be performing @ 7pm. They are known as "I.C.E." (In Christ Eternal) The members of the group are Tanya Erdman, her partner - Marjorie Fortin, and Marge's son - Davy Fortin. AUGUST 27 - Ray Vester will be including MCCLV on his "Here And Now Tour" for 2005. He has released 2 CDs, titled "KEYBOARD FAVORITES" and "HERE AND NOW."

We believe it would improve the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley if all people were equally protected from unfair discrimination based upon actual or perceived: race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry or place of birth, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, family status, age, disability, or use of a guide animal, in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodation.

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GLEE at Air Products

FACT

AIDS Outreach

The Unitarian Universalist Church LV

GLOSS

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Theatre Outlet

Integrity - Bethlehem

The Lehigh Valley Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Civic Theater

19th Street Theatre

The Latin Alliance

The Enigma Players

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Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley

Touchstone Theater

Congregation Am Haskalah

To add your organization to this list, Contact VGP

## QUOTE #1

"The vote we cast today will reverberate around the country, and it will send a wave of hope to many people, to thousands of people across the country." -- Openly Gay CT State Senator Andrew McDonald, on the passage of Civil Unions in Connecticut.

## QUOTE #2

"First, everyone must realize that when straight people say gay people should not have the freedom to marry, they are saying we are not as good or deserving as they are. It's that simple, no matter how one attempts to sugarcoat it. This is unacceptable - and it is immoral." -- NGLTF's Matt Foreman, on equality and marriage rights.

## QUOTE #3

"I guess baseball is business, but it doesn't sit right with me that John Rocker is making money playing for any baseball team - and especially a New York team. ...He is an offensive, destructive force and that shouldn't be acceptable in any business." -- Kim Henning, editor of our local PFLAG's Newsletter, on vocally anti-gay baseball player John Rocker.

## QUOTE #4

"I will never understand those who proclaim love as the foundation of life, while denying so radically protection, understanding and affection to our neighbors, our friends, our relatives, our colleagues." -- Prime Minister of Spain Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero speaking against the Catholic Church and in support of same-sex marriage.

## OTHER LOCAL NEWS

-- Saturday, August 13, will be the date for this year's 11th Annual **GAY DAY AT KNOEBEL'S** Amusement Park Grove Picnic.

-- June 27 is **NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY**. The Allentown Health Bureau at 245 North Sixth Street is offering free, confidential HIV tests from 9:30-10:30AM. No appointment is necessary - just walk-in.

-- **TEMPLE AM HASKALAH SIGNS ON** -- The board of Congregation Am Haskalah has unanimously agreed to be added to the list of organizations listed in the Valley Gay Press, supporting the Anti-Discrimination Statement.

**Distelfink** by Ruby Zebu  
6/05 "Kate Rules"

Best Kate Clinton line at the Equality Forum:

"The Religious Right keeps talking about the the "Second Coming."

...we weren't sure what that meant, I mean, for middle-aged lesbians it's not that easy...

...my partner and I hung a big "Second Coming" banner over our bed... and now, thanks to the Religious Right, sometimes we manage a third "coming" and even a fourth!!!

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